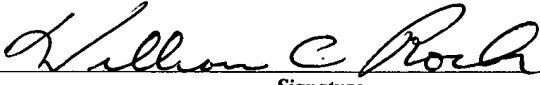
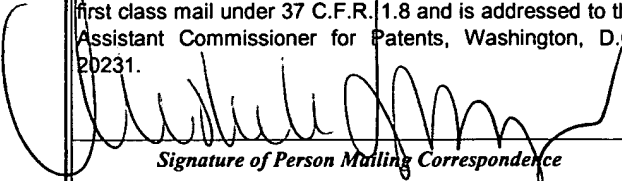


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<b>Invention:</b> TTO NITRIDE LINER FOR IMPROVED CORROSION PROTECTION AND TTO RELIABILITY					
<b><u>TO THE ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:</u></b>					
Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.					
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**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.111**

Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action of October 4, 2002, please amend this patent application as follows, which is believed to prima facie place this case in condition for allowance for reasons discussed in the REMARKS.

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

Amend the paragraph on page 1, lines 17-28, as follows.

A processing scheme employed in forming the above-described vertical DRAM cell arrays is described in detail in commonly-owned, co-pending U.S. Patent Application No.

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